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1. ([] - PLC) Mrs. McCreary, in the office of Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), called requesting the office and home telephone numbers of []. This call was in connection with Senator Symington's trip to the Far East. The office of [] was called and the information was subsequently furnished to Mrs. McCreary.

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2. ([] - JMM) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on the possibility of some early Communist successes in Cambodia and Laos, and on the situation regarding John Downey and Richard Fecteau.

Mr. Woodruff said Chairman Ellender was now thinking of cancelling his trip to the South Pole during the Christmas holidays.

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3. ([] - JMM) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and Jim Woolsey, of the Committee staff, whom I briefed on the possibility of early Communist successes in Southeast Asia and the Downey and Fecteau matters.

Mr. Braswell said Chairman Stennis hopes to leave for Mississippi tomorrow (15 December).

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4. ([] - JMM) Met with Representative William Hathaway in response to his letter to the Director inquiring about the status of John Downey. I explained the situation and cautioned Hathaway about the serious consequences of any disclosures associating Downey with the Agency, which he seemed to fully understand.

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5. ([] - JMM) [] and I met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on the Downey and Fecteau situations and on indications of possible early Communist successes in Southeast Asia.

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